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## from the editor . . . .

The President's column, which is lengthy in this issue, has been moved to page two. Please make note of our invitation to participate in OCEANS '86 and the requests for information on page 18. An errata sheet is on the last page of the newsletter. Please detach and insert in your copy of the bylaws.

Thanks to the many contributors of this newsletter; however, please attempt to send your information by the deadline date. I had planned a mailing date of December 6th - as you can see, I didn't make it. Late contributions, the Christmas holidays and the seasonal mail glut delayed the mailing until January. ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER: APRIL 11

● ● from the PRESIDENT ● ● ● ●

First of all, I want to thank all of you who made the IAMSLIC 1985 conference in Williamsburg such a rewarding experience. By your presence and participation, we had a wonderful exchange of information based upon our experience in a very special profession. IAMSLIC conferences are always one of the highlights of my year, but it was particularly true this year. I returned to Rhode Island with much to think about and the prospect for many new ideas to explore through the association in the coming year.

This was our most international conference so far. We owe particular thanks to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission for organizing the participation of so many of our colleagues from around the world and to the agencies contributing financial support for their expenses. It would be wonderful if we could expect to see each other every year, though this is probably not possible on an annual basis just now. However, it does offer me an opportunity to mention the first point I want to emphasize as IAMSLIC president, better use of the IAMSLIC Newsletter.

Every editor of the Newsletter I have ever known has complained about not receiving enough news to print. This is still true. The Newsletter is our basic way of communicating with one another between conferences. For those who cannot attend the conferences annually, it is the only way of finding out what is going on within the membership. The Newsletter is NOT the exclusive voice of the executive board, it is YOUR voice! Many of us receive newsletters which contain short articles, announcements of upcoming events, letters with problems and letters with answers. In short, news which can make our Newsletter a rich resource for our membership. I would like to see Kristen receiving too many things to print! The next time something interesting crosses your desk, why not write a short paragraph about it for the Newsletter? If you have a problem, ask for help via the Newsletter, but have replies sent to Kristen so we can all benefit from the responses.

#### CONFERENCE PLANNING, 1986

IAMSLIC 1986 planning has already begun. Judith Brownlow and I met the last week in November and, using your evaluation forms, began to toss around program ideas for Oregon. She already has exciting prospects for our next conference. The evaluation forms are extremely helpful. 'Thanks' to those who have returned them to me. I have turned them over to Judith and they are forming the basis for her planning. If you have suggestions for next year's program, please take the time to send a note to Judith about your idea. Many of us come away from IAMSLIC with program ideas, but we fail to mention them to the program convenor. Idea time is now, before the Call for Papers is issued.

(FROM THE PRESIDENT, page two)

There are two basic ways you can substantially contribute to the program:

1. Plan to present a paper. With our proceedings now in print, conference presentations become part of the professional library literature. Thanks to Ruth Grundy's thoroughness, the proceedings are sent to major indexing/abstracting services. Those who attended the conference receive a copy. For others, the modest purchase price makes it within the means of most library budgets. (Having the proceedings in print, makes me particularly glad, for I agonized over having to cut presentations short at this year's conference. I know I shall not only be able to find out about the two missing Canadian provinces from Judy Read's presentation, but I shall also be able to review ideas inadequately captured by my hasty notetaking.)

2. Offer to organize a session. Do you want a session on the one professional library, a panel discussion on space management or a roundtable session on a regional basis? Why not offer to organize the session? No one will do a better job! You will need a clear idea of the session theme and should have a speaker or two in mind. If you have a session theme in mind, contact Judith Brownlow now so your theme can be included in the Call for Papers.

Judith Brownlow  
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#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Each year, IAMSLIC offers opportunities for election to the executive board. Participation at this level is visible evidence that we do look beyond our local interests and see ourselves as part of an international network of marine information professionals.

In the coming months, the nominating committee will begin its search for candidates to fill IAMSLIC positions, particularly that of President-Elect. Having just completed the 'hardest' part, that of program chairperson, I would like to say that it was well worth doing. All of the speakers DID NOT come down with the flu and IAMSLIC members DID come to the conference, so my worst fears were laid to rest. Conference planning turned out to be a much more creative process than I had anticipated. I know that I will feel equal satisfaction when the proceedings arrive. Which brings me to the newest opportunity.

We have a new position open, that of Proceedings Editor, 1986. It is not an executive board position, but is similar to the Newsletter editorship in being eligible to apply for travel funds to IAMSLIC meetings should the need arise. Last year, Ruth Grundy managed to handle both the presidency and the editorship. I, however, cannot do that given my workload here. Ruth agreed to remain editor for the 1985 proceedings. If you are interested in this opportunity for enhancing your professional credentials, contact Ruth Grundy for further information.



(FROM THE PRESIDENT, page three)

### FUTURISTIC THINKING

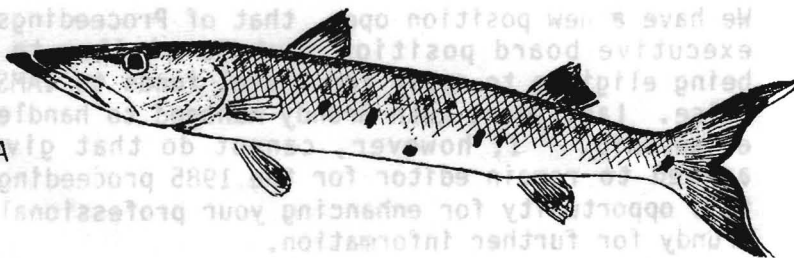
Cheryl Sloan's presentation on satellite technology has stirred interest in IAMSLIC. Carol Winn is following up on this issue and Cheryl has offered to keep IAMSLIC up-to-date as experiment guidelines are developed. What would you like to see communicated via this satellite? I think that IAMSLIC is a perfect organization to design an experiment for this technology. Let's start sharing ideas.

Are you interested in Fulbright exchange possibilities? This might be one way to effect professional exchanges between IAMSLIC members in the US and others. Remember, one of the paths is to design a cooperative research project with a colleague in another country, then approach a funding agency. If you know of other professional opportunities, please let us know. Too often, we let our colleagues in other disciplines take advantage of these exchanges while we stay at home and mind the library. For details, write to the Council for International Exchange, Suite 300, 11 Dupont Circle NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. The Directory of Financial Aids for International Activities is another source of information. It is published by the Office of International Programs, University of Minnesota, 201 Nolte West, 315 Pillsbury Drive S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455.

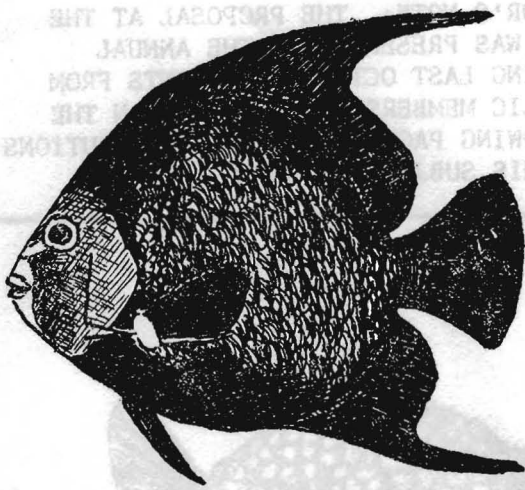
Following their IOC training program at NTIS, Lelitha Bandaranayake, NARA, Sri Lanka and Teresita Ledesma, University of the Philippines were able to visit me in Rhode Island. I understand that the IOC group had an excellent training experience including the late night exchanges of professional opinion! Tessie's travel papers were held up, so she was not able to join us at IAMSLIC. Though Lelitha could only stay with us four days, Tessie was able to remain for a month, studying marine information resources. We included a trip to Woods Hole and Sippican Ocean Systems libraries during her stay. On our US Thanksgiving eve, we ended our visit in Bill Dunkle's data library, surrounded by records of the research ships of Woods Hole. Facing a giant map of the world, we had a great discussion on authorities (or lack of them) for ocean space geographic coding. Another session for 1986?

We have had our first taste of snow in the Northeast. One of my treats from Williamsburg is a book of colonial Christmas decorations. I plan to try my hand at a Williamsburg-style wreath for my home, including the bag of magnolia pods I dragged home. Consequently, my thoughts are very much on my IAMSLIC friends as I gather the other wreath materials. May the New Year bring you peace and happiness. Thank you all for enriching my life in 1985.

Mary Jane Beardsley  
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### EL NINO BIBLIOGRAPHY STILL AVAILABLE

Kay K. Hale has copies of the following for sale:

Bibliografia sobre el fenomeno El Nino desoe 1891 a 1985 by Jorge Mariategui, Aurora Ch. de Vildoso and Juan Velez. Callao, Instituto de Mar del Peru and FAO, 1985. 136 p.

For sale to IAMSILIC members for \$50.00 per copy (regularly \$60.00 per copy). Make checks payable to IAMSILIC. Invoices sent upon request.

Mail orders to Kay K. Hale, RSMAS Library, 4600 Rickenbacker Cswy., Miami, Florida 33149.

### FROM THE CONFERENCE CONVENOR - 1986

I would welcome any ideas for papers, workshops and/or speakers for the 1986 IAMSILIC Conference in Newport, Oregon. Any suggestions for a timely conference theme are also welcome.

I would hope that the standard of high quality of conference papers presented is carried over from our past conference in Williamsburg.

So far, I have received the following ideas:

1. A national database for marine science libraries. How practical is it? How can it be funded? What should be the inclusion: Federal, State, University, private libraries and information centers? What are the practical benefits to be derived from such a cooperative effort?

An experience paper from the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans librarians may be appropriate for this theme.

2. Marine education: How to answer questions from teachers or students (Grades K-12): appropriate handouts or referrals. How to find material at the appropriate reading level for these users.

3. Regional Sessions. Short meetings (Lunch or 1 hour) for IAMSILIC members from one geographical region: the Pacific Rim; Gulf Coast; Southeastern United States; Maritimes, New England and Mid Atlantic; Mediterranean Sea; Caribbean; South Pacific; or any other geographic region.

4. Specialized problem sessions. Exchanges, cooperation, assistance to developing countries' librarians, reprint collections, staffing the one person library.

Any questions, call J. Brownlow (617) 548-5123.

## National Oceanographic Information Resources Network

## Proposal:

For the purpose of research support and advancement of knowledge in oceanic and related marine sciences, and to aid in the dissemination and exchange of scientific and other information essential to progress in understanding the nature of the marine environment, its resources, both living and non-living, and the impact of humans' activities on this environment, the International Association of Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers proposes the creation of oceanographic information resource centers among its member libraries. Each participating member would assume responsibility for research and/or comprehensive level of collection development in the area of its parent institution's expertise. All would contribute to building a bibliographic database which could be accessed by each member through one or more designated bibliographic utilities.

The proposed national center for the United States is the joint scientific library located in the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass. This extensive and comprehensive collection consists of the holdings of the Marine Biological Laboratory, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and a pending merger of the collection of the Northeast Fisheries Center Woods Hole Laboratory. Each of the libraries has contributed its strength to the joint scientific library.

Each nation member of IAMSILIC may establish a focal institution within its borders to develop its national oceanographic information resources network (NOIRN). At the time when the NOIRN becomes operational, access to IAMSILIC members outside the particular nation's borders would be provided through electronic networking upon request.

## Governance:

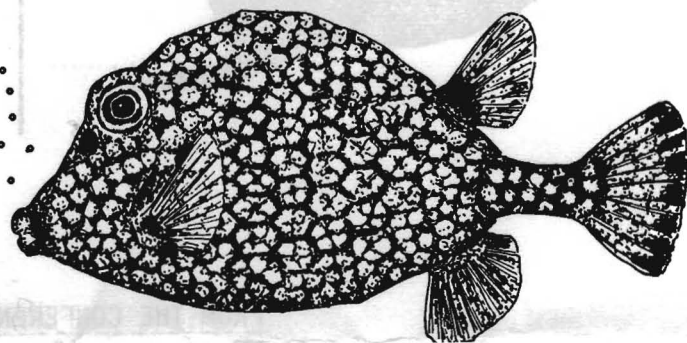
A group with responsibility for overseeing and advising the NOIRN will be established and consist of the following: President of IAMSILIC; Chief Librarian, Marine Biological Laboratory Library, Woods Hole; Chief, Library and Information Services Division, NOAA; Director, Scripps Institution of Oceanography Library; Senior Scientist, National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere; and Assistant Librarian of Congress for National Programs.

The group, designated as "Board of Governors," would conduct one annual meeting immediately preceding or following the IAMSILIC conference and communicate throughout the year via electronic technology, e.g., computer conferencing systems, video teleconferencing, or audio teleconferencing.

Funds to support this network may be obtained initially as a grant from a foundation. Subsequently, each NOIRN member would contribute an annual fee, and charges would be derived from end-users. The database could be leased to the bibliographic utilities.

This proposal addresses a national marine science information network in the United States. We would encourage our Canadian colleagues to conduct a similar project for Canada. Other nationals might develop a national system within their countries.

EDITOR'S NOTE: THE PROPOSAL AT THE LEFT WAS PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING LAST OCTOBER. COMMENTS FROM IAMSILIC MEMBERS CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES. FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE WELCOMED.



# IAMSILIC '86

October 6 - 10

UNIV. OF OREGON

MARINE SCIENCE INSTITUTE

EMBARCADERO RESORT HOTEL

Newport, Oregon USA

At the October 1985 IAMSLIC Conference it was proposed that IAMSLIC create oceanographic resource centers and a data base to record the holdings. I have a number of points for the membership to consider, presented here in no particular order.

1. How will foundations and other non-government institutions respond to such a proposal from an organization known to be heavily government financed. Can any management structure be devised to satisfy the needs of each?

2. The proposed board of governors of 6 persons is weighted by its very nature towards government libraries.

3. If the president of IAMSLIC is a non-American could she/he function on a board of a U.S. institution?

a. How would the government persons react?

b. Would the non-American president be expected to be just a seat warmer?

4. Choosing 3b means there will be 2 classes of IAMSLIC president, does the membership want that?

5. Funds from a foundation may be harder to obtain if it perceives it would be supporting an activity dominated by government.

6. There are thousands of administrative and bibliographic details to be addressed -

- structure of data base?

- what computer, where?

- operating system of computer?

- who has access, how?

- charges for use?

- who will do input? batch? on-line?

- who will do programming?

- will there be on-line authorities?

- who will establish authorities?

- are currently available machine-readable records compatible?

- can they be made compatible?

- who will establish data base specifications?

- who will have sign-off authority?

- who will have authority to commit funds?

- will it be necessary at the beginning to have a paid manager?

- what kinds of outputs are desirable? possible?

- will it be easy to search?

7. How will libraries who participate feel about paying to have their records put in, and again to read them or print them?

8. Will participants be able to download their own records for use as their in-house catalogs?

9. A great deal of money, time and effort go into creating even a modest sized usable data base (the Institute of Ocean Sciences catalog of about 16,000 records, if paid for at market prices, would be nearly \$50,000) and because of that it could turn out that IAMSLIC becomes a servant to the data base - does the membership want that?

I know that many members will be able to bring up many other points to consider, and I hope to see a lively exchange of ideas in this and subsequent newsletters.

Yours truly, Sharon Thomson



At its recent annual conference in Virginia, the IAMSILIC membership was asked to support a proposal for the "creation of oceanographic information resource centers among its member libraries," and in particular the establishment of a national oceanographic information resources network for the United States, to be centered at the joint scientific library located in the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass.

I had serious reservations about the proposal at the time and expressed them at the conference. I would like to present them again here in order that the whole membership can be part of the discussion.

One major problem with the proposal as it is presented is its imprecise use of the terms "center" and "network." This makes it somewhat difficult to figure out exactly what is being proposed. The title uses the term "network" to describe the proposed entity, and yet in the first paragraph we are asked to support the creation of oceanographic information resource "centers." We are then told that the "center" for the U.S. is the joint scientific library in Woods Hole, but the implication of the section on Governance is that what is being established is a network that would involve as many American marine-science libraries as wanted to participate. However, for the sake of this article, I am assuming that what is meant is the establishment of a network, consisting of many libraries, but with the joint library at Woods Hole acting as its nucleus.

With this assumption in mind, I see the proposal as dealing with three related but nevertheless separate concepts. It is therefore important that each be considered separately, i.e., criticism of one or two of them does not necessarily imply rejection of all three. The three concepts I see are:

- 1) the need to create national oceanographic information resource centers;
- 2) the establishment of a U.S. national center at the joint scientific library at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, which would then form the nucleus of a formal network of American marine science libraries, all of whom would contribute their cataloguing records to what would in effect be an online union catalogue;
- 3) the active participation of IAMSILIC in this venture to the extent of having the President sit as a member of the American national network's Board of Governors.

All three concepts can and should be discussed at length, and I am certain that we will hear arguments for both sides in this and future issues of the Newsletter. At present, however, I am specifically concerned with the implications contained in concept no. 3.

IAMSILIC is an international association, with personal and institutional members (but not nation members as stated in the proposal) from around the world. It would therefore be inappropriate for the IAMSILIC president to sit on the Board of Governors of the proposed U.S. national network, or, for that matter on the governing board of any other national center or network that has or might be established.

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I consider it perfectly appropriate that IAMSLIC be asked to support the concept of creating national oceanographic information resources networks and/or centers. (Whether or not I agree with the concept is a separate matter.) Again, I have no theoretical objections to being asked to support the idea of the establishment of an American network, since it is quite possible that non-American members of the Association may view the establishment of such a network as being valuable not only to Americans but to all who are involved in the provision of marine-science information. But I do object strongly to the suggestion that IAMSLIC be involved in the governing of an American network, since that would imply that we really are an American organization which happens to have members from other countries. I hope and trust that this was not the intention of those who drafted the proposal, and that this aspect will be dropped from any revised version that may emerge from these discussions.

Sincerely, J. Elizabeth Sutherland

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#### NEW ICLARM DIRECTOR GENERAL

Dr. Ian R. Smith is the new Director General of the International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management, based in Manila, Philippines. The appointment was made by the Center's Board of Trustees at its meeting in June 1985. Dr. Smith becomes ICLARM's fourth Director General, succeeding Dr. Richard Neal who left ICLARM IN MARCH.

Ian Smith served for several years at a senior level in the U.S. Peace Corps before entering the University of Hawaii in 1974 on an East-West Center fellowship. There he was awarded the Ph.D. in agricultural and resource economics after completing his dissertation on milkfish fry and fingerling marketing in the Philippines. He joined ICLARM as a postdoctoral fellow in 1978 and was promoted rapidly to become Director of ICLARM's Traditional Fisheries program in 1981, then Deputy Director General in 1984.

ICLARM is an international, non-governmental and non-profit center carrying out research on fisheries and aquaculture in tropical developing countries. The Center began in 1975 in Hawaii, becoming incorporated in the Philippines in 1977. ICLARM has carried out over 50 projects in 23 countries in cooperation with more than 100 research and donor organizations. The Center is involved in a wide range of activities related to management of coastal resources and aquaculture. The Center also coordinates global and regional networks in tropical fisheries science and social sciences.

ICLARM is well known for its interdisciplinary research on problems of fisheries management and aquaculture development. This interaction among biologists, economists and sociologists has been strongly encouraged by Dr. Smith during his time with ICLARM and the Center's future activities will retain this emphasis.

THOUGHTS ON SATELLITES

Did you arrive back at the library filled with enthusiasm for doing SOMETHING in response to the invitation to mount an experiment on the ACTS Satellite in 1989? Only to discover a morass of indifference and bureaucracy between the wanting and the doing?

Well, after going through just a high and a low, I am now at the point, with some prodding from our President, of considering the real problem--what, if anything, would we like to communicate to each other? I hope you will consider those areas of frustration we all have, when we would like to raid someone else's collection for the information we need, but hesitate to ask another librarian to take on a time consuming chore on our behalf. Remember the speaker we heard in Texas, a consultant, who hired people to visit libraries in order to compile a comprehensive bibliography?

Some Random Ideas:

1. Union List of Oceanographic Atlases. Would a satellite link enable us to update and expand this list? This list represents a database unique to the marine science field and is a joint effort by IAMSILIC members. It provides access by geographic location to significant amounts of data. Since the new satellite would confine our efforts to the continental United States, this project could serve as a model for a future international effort after we have expanded the U.S. portion. (NORMAN?)

2. Union List of Serials - same as above. (SUSAN and JANICE?)

3. Specialized Databases. The ICMRD Library (URI) has a database of documents on artisanal fisheries. Would you like to be able to search it by country, by subject? Would you like to nominate documents for inclusion?

I have an in-house database of WHOI scientific papers, 1930-1980, searchable by authors, subject, geographic location, scientific name. Interested in having access? Scripps, Miami, URI, Texas--think of the power of the database if your papers were in a combined database?

One of the WHOI scientists has on magnetic tape a Minerals Management Service bibliography on the continental slope/rise of the Atlantic Ocean (Maine to Florida). Would you like to be able to search such a database by subject, by water depth, by latitude and longitude?

WHAT DO YOU HAVE?

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Please send your reactions, suggestions to the Newsletter so that we can explore the possibilities in an open forum.

Carolyn P. Winn  
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution





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December 5, 1985

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Dear Ms. Brownlow:

On behalf of the OCEANS '86 Conference Committee, I am pleased to invite the IASMLIC to participate in the OCEANS '86 Conference and Exposition. Information describing the theme and other characteristics of this event are enclosed for your information and consideration.

We are particularly interested, at this time, in eliciting papers from interested authors that are relevant to the conference theme and purpose. The enclosed Call for Papers Announcement provides appropriate specification. We would welcome and appreciate such announcement be communicated to your membership.

I will be pleased to further discuss the OCEANS '86 plans with you at your convenience. Please direct any inquiries to me at:

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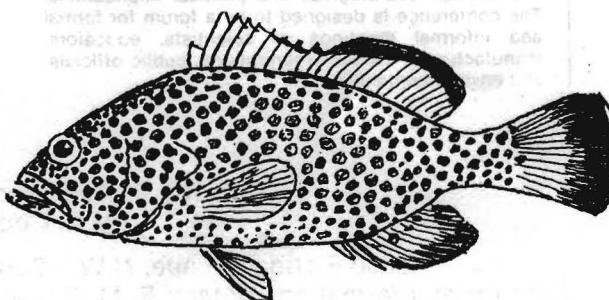
With best wishes for the Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Gilbert L. Maton  
General Chairman

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Enclosure





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## CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION



23-25 September 1986

SHERATON WASHINGTON HOTEL

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## SCIENCE — ENGINEERING — ADVENTURE

The Marine Technology Society (MTS) and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers/Oceanic Engineering Society (IEEE/OES), in cooperation with the National Geographic Society (NGS), invite papers from interested authors for the OCEANS '86 CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION. Accepted papers will be presented at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C., 23-25 September, 1986. Those papers that are accepted, received by the publishing deadline, and considered of professional quality will be presented in the Conference Record, which will be available at the conference.

The OCEANS '86 theme, Science, Engineering, and Adventure, will place emphasis on increasing the benefits from ocean science and engineering projects across a broad interest spectrum ranging from archaeology through zooplankton. The conference will be expanded to include sessions on marine history, marine geography, marine archaeology, and marine photography and art.

Papers are requested that address a variety of viewpoints regarding international developments in science, engineering, and adventure, and their environmental, sociological, and political implications. The conference is designed to be a forum for formal and informal meetings of scientists, educators, manufacturers, service organizations, public officials, and environmentalists.

To achieve this goal, OCEANS '86 encourages submission of papers that:

- identify world needs that can be met through developing ocean technology;
- explore the impact on the environment of the growing interest in extracting ocean resources and offer solutions;
- describe new frontiers in marine science, technology and adventure and their potential for producing a synergism which will enhance all disciplines;
- forecast new areas of research and development, and,
- discuss international programs related to all of the above.

The general theme has been subdivided into a number of topic or session areas, which are listed on the following page. Papers that do not conform to these suggested topics but contain information on new developments in marine science and technology will receive equal consideration.

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INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY EXCHANGE CENTER

The International Library Exchange Center has been established as a not-for-profit corporation in the State of Missouri. Principals in the organization are Edward P. Miller, Ph.D. of Denver, CO; Christo M. Popoff, LL.D. of Edwardsville, IL; and Harold F. Smith, Ph.D. of Kansas City, MO. Headquarters will be at Park College, Kansas City, MO where facilities are available by the College as part of the new underground library currently being constructed there.

Major purpose of the Center is to serve as a link between libraries in the United States and abroad for the exchange of information, library materials, and library personnel. The Center will receive information and materials for exchange between American libraries and foreign libraries of all kinds. The Center is the outgrowth of an exchange program instituted at the University of Missouri's Ellis Library, Columbia, MO by Popoff and Miller in 1982. It revives some of the functions of the former Mid-America Interlibrary System (MAILS) established and operated by Smith until 1980.

The president of the new organization, Edward P. Miller, said there is a great need for materials in libraries throughout the world, particularly in developing nations; but financial resources are severely limited. Many libraries, he said, have valuable publications from their own institutions which can be exchanged for hard-to-get American materials. It is hoped that the International Library Exchange Center will help foreign libraries in their collection development under conditions of financial hardship. The Center organization is intended to search for and acquire funds to help defray the cost of shipping and handling of these exchange materials if the receiving library is unable to cover that cost.

The organization will consist of various types of members from individuals to organizations with a dues structure that is intended to assist in providing funds for collection and distribution of the materials and information for exchange.

Future plans call for the Center to provide information about potential exchanges of library personnel between American and foreign libraries.

For comments, suggestions and questions, which will be greatly appreciated, information may be obtained from Dr. Harold Smith, Box 26, Park College, 8700 Riverpark Dr., Kansas City, MO 64152-3795; telephone (816) 741-8000.





✻ NEWS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM ✻

The 1985 meeting of the UK Marine and Aquatic Sciences Librarians Group was held at the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences (IOS), Wormley, on 13-14 March. It was attended by participants from UK marine, fisheries and freshwater scientific libraries and information centres. The main emphasis this year was on computer applications in libraries and information work. Other sessions were devoted to considering the updating of the union list of serial holdings; the forthcoming new edition of the directory of the group's library and information facilities, and the possibility of compiling and issuing a directory of marine and freshwater scientists in the UK, along the lines of the UN/FAO/IOC International Directory of Marine Scientists. Dick Privett described his work of updating and expanding the ASFIS Thesaurus (of which more below), and there was a meeting of staff from the UK network of ASFA input centres.

The group has been meeting regularly since 1969, and as usual on these occasions, the informal discussions between members and the links renewed or established were of great value.

ASFIS Thesaurus Committee meet in Rome

The long-awaited (and long-delayed) revised edition of the ASFIS Thesaurus took a great step nearer publication with an intensive week's work by the Thesaurus Committee at FAO Rome in June. Dick Privett (IOS Wormley) and David Moulder (MBA Plymouth) attended from the UK, and the main objective was to make decisions on the descriptors and structuring so that final computer processing may go ahead. The work involved completing the merger of the amended and updated version of the 1976 thesaurus with structured terms mainly on oceanography, technology, the physical sciences and geology, and with additional terms recommended by the ASFA input centres and the publisher.

The completed thesaurus will include some 7000 descriptors and 2500 non-descriptors (i.e. forbidden and "lead-in" terms), and in addition to being a tool for searchers and input staff, it will represent a glossary of current terminology in our subject area. Printout will be available for ASFA input centres by October, and the thesaurus should be published by early 1986.

Taunton laboratory closes

Cuts in government spending and consequent Natural Environment Research Council "rationalisation" have forced the closure of the Taunton laboratory of the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences. Formerly the Unit of Coastal Sedimentation, the laboratory was located on the site of the UK Navy's Hydrographic Department. Library material has been dispersed to the Wormley and Bidston laboratories of the IOS, and enquiries regarding publications, exchanges and similar matters should be addressed to the IOS Librarian at Wormley.

Allen Varley  
Marine Biological Association, Plymouth

## Highlights for the IAMSLIC Newsletter

Pre-Conference Business Meeting, Monday Oct. 14th, 1985

### 1. Announcements

The IAMSLIC mailing list has now been computerized (thanks to Betty Sutherland). Both Betty and Sharon Thomson are able to produce labels for the Association.

### 2. Conference Reports

We thank the IOC for their efforts in sponsoring our overseas registrants. The Local Arrangements Committee is to be congratulated on the choice of hotel and the good room rate. Last year's conference proceedings have been printed and mailed to registrants.

### 3. Future Conferences

Our '86 conference in Oregon will cost approximately \$140.00. It will be held in the first or second week of October. Our '87 meeting will be in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, with members staying at the Holiday Inn. A hotel room will cost \$80.00 (Cdn.) per night. Date for the conference, 5th-9th October 1987.

### 4. Newsletter

We would like to have four issues a year, but are receiving only enough items to fill three issues (Post conference/Spring/Pre-conference). Kristen will remain as Editor for the coming year.

### 5. Committees - Standing Committees

#### a) Membership

We have 130+ members. Membership information has been mailed out with the promotional material advertising the conference proceedings. We are considering having the membership brochure professionally produced. Our membership brochure, put together by Betty Sutherland, was ready for the spring newsletter mailing. We will be adopting the same timeframe for production next year. Spare copies of the directory will be passed to the Treasurer, for her to send to new members.

### b) Bylaws

The change regarding expenses which can be claimed by executive officers attending the annual conference has been incorporated in the bylaws. The bylaws have been reprinted and will be distributed in conference kits.

### Committees - Ad-hoc Committees

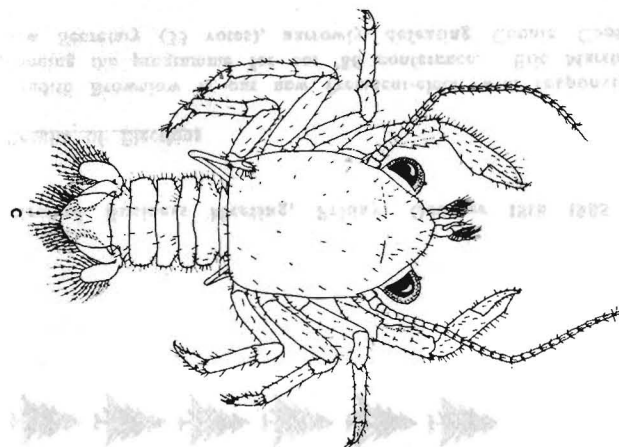
#### a) Union List of Serials

This is ready and has been distributed to participants. Susan Barrick will contact Sea Grant regarding funding for updating the list.

### 6. New Business

Ruth Grundy, our President, has suggested we create the new position of Proceedings editor. This would not be an executive position. A suggestion was made to appoint a Publications coordinator, but it was felt such a position was not warranted at present, though we could introduce guidelines and standard formats for all IAMSLIC publications. The Proceedings editor should attend the conference. Ideally therefore she/he would be eligible for expenses to be paid, assistance at present available to members of the executive and the Newsletter editor.

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## Highlights for the IAMS LIC Newsletter

### First Business Meeting, Tuesday, October 15th 1985

#### Minutes

#### 1. Announcements

Claire Steimle, Librarian of the Sandy Hook Marine Laboratory, whose collection was destroyed by fire last month, appealed for help in rebuilding the collection.

Additional copies of the conference proceedings are available from Ruth Grundy. The cost is \$12.50.

#### 2. Treasurer's Report

Regarding expenses for printing the conference proceedings-we will recoup our expenses when remaining copies have been sold. The University of Texas is absorbing all mailing costs. We may well transfer printing of the proceedings to the University Press of Texas A. & M. University in the future. We will also institute a double pricing system for the proceedings in the future, with a lower price for members. Those who attend the conference will receive a free copy; those who author papers will receive two free copies.

#### 3. New Business

Catherine Norton and Frances Swim introduced a proposal to set up a National Oceanographic Information Resources Network. Anna Oxley and Sharon Thomson described the network which already exists between Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans libraries in Canada, called WAVES. Frances explained that the organizational effort for the suggested network would come from Woods Hole, but she hoped that the IAMS LIC membership would give support to the proposal. The proposal was photocopied and distributed to the membership, for further discussion at the next business meeting.

### Second Business Meeting, Friday, October 18th 1985

#### 1. Results of Elections

Judith Brownlow is our new President-elect, with responsibility for planning the programme for our '86 conference. Eric Marshall is our new Secretary (33 votes), narrowly defeating Connie Cook (30 votes).

#### 2. Old Business

##### a) Southeast Asia chapter of IAMS LIC

It was decided not to pursue this idea. We will instead try to forge links with existing Southeast Asian organizations.

##### b) Update of the IAMS LIC directory of libraries

Carolyn Winn will be producing a revised version of the directory, to be ready hopefully for the '86 conference. Members will be receiving a questionnaire soon, for the updating of the entry. Questionnaires will be sent to all addresses in the existing directory. The revised version will probably be in a loose leaf format, to facilitate updating.

#### 3. Reports from Standing Committees

##### a) Membership

Our membership directory will be produced every spring. Paidup members as of April 1st each year will be included in the directory. A membership canvas has been conducted amongst 67 libraries in the Mediterranean area and North Africa- no responses as yet. Two (white) South Africans have applied for membership of IAMS LIC. After some discussion, it was decided to admit these persons. It was felt IAMS LIC should be an apolitical organization, not an agency for censorship. As a further consideration, we already have members from South Africa in the organization.

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#### b) Bylaws

The change in the bylaws (relating to reimbursement of conference expenses to executive member) was unfortunately not printed in full in the revised bylaws which conference participants received. A corrected page will be mailed to members.

#### 4. Reports from Ad-hoc Committees

##### a) Union list of serials

An order form for this was included in the conference kit. Participants in the survey which gathered the information will receive a free copy. Letters of encouragement and appreciation about the list can be sent to Janice Meadows, who must make a final report on the project soon to Sea Grant.

##### b) Union list of atlases

Data for the atlas is now all on computer. Norman Howden (Chairperson) is looking into production of the list on microfiche or on machine-readable disc.

#### 5. New Business

Ruth Grundy is our editor for the '85 proceedings. The proceedings will be listed in Oceanic Abstracts and ASFA. There was a suggestion made that the proceedings be listed with NTIS. After discussion, it was decided not to list the proceedings in this source. It was considered anyway that NTIS lists federally-supported research from U.S. government agencies and our organization is neither supported by the U.S. government, nor are our projects directed supported by this government. We are an independent, international organization. Before the proceedings go out of print, the editor will make sure 10-15 copies are put aside, as loan copies.

We have now formally established the position of Proceedings Editor. This is not an executive position, but the holder will be eligible for reimbursement of conference expenses, as executive officers and the Newsletter Editor are now.

There was considerable discussion on whether or not we should allow institutional members of IAMSlic to vote. Institutions have

not been given the vote in the past, even if they held multiple memberships. We have also to clarify the matter of how members can stand for election; there is confusion as to whether or not write-in candidates are eligible for positions. There seemed to be general agreement that we should allow institutions to vote. However, the proposed change, since it involves a change to the bylaws, will be presented to the entire membership in the Newsletter and a formal vote on the change will be conducted. As well as studying the proposed change in the voting procedure, the Bylaws Committee will be looking at the introduction of a differential membership fee schedule, with a lower fee charged to individuals. Consideration will also be given to the introduction of a special fee for those who only wish to receive our Newsletter.

We returned to discussion of the proposed National Oceanographic Network. It was felt that IAMSlic could give support to the idea and be in favour of national centres of excellence, but not be directly involved in the setting up of such centres. Frances Swim repeated that she hoped the Association could give its endorsement to the establishment of national networks. In addition, for example, IAMSlic might like to provide an observer on the United States network's governing body. We will begin a dialogue on this important proposal in the IAMSlic Newsletter.

Copies of Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts brought to the conference by Cambridge Scientific Abstracts were donated to the library of the Sandy Hook Laboratory.

Judith Brownlow, Programme Convenor for the '86 conference, asked for suggestions for the conference theme.

Members were reminded of Expo '86 in Vancouver, being held at the same time as our Oregon conference.



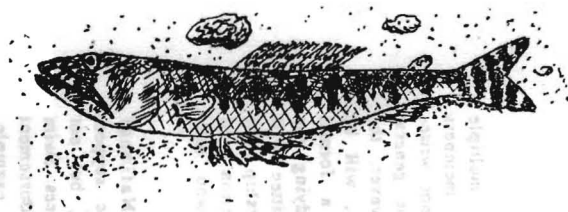
MARINE GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION PROJECT

Envirocon Limited has been contracted by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, Canada, to establish a database of marine geoscience information for the northeast Pacific Ocean and Beaufort Sea region. All types of geoscience information on these areas are to be included, for example, journal articles, monographs, reports, consultant and government studies, maps, digital and automated records, theses, cruise reports, etc.... Particular attention is being paid to the more amorphous types of data, "grey materials", not usually retrieved in commercial database searches, or through regular library searches.

We would greatly appreciate receiving notices of publications, current or past research, or suggestions concerning contacts for information on these areas. Please send any information to:

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Thank you for your assistance.

REQUEST FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Dear Madam:

I would like to request from you some reading information; Newsletter, Journal, and or any other scientific paper on Marine Sciences which would help me in research and in my classroom instructions.

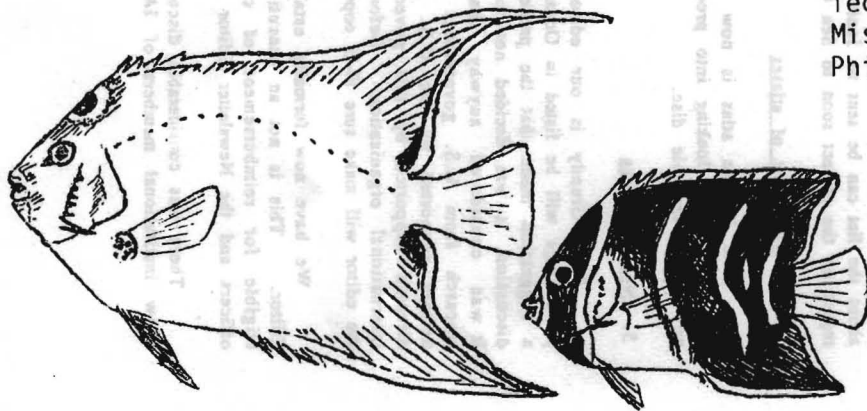
I am actually keeping abreast with the study of Aquatic Fauna and Flora, including Fisheries Management, Gears, and Oceans.

At present, I am planning to conduct a research study on the Feasibility of a Bottom Set Drift Gill Net for shrimps in relation to its catchability at Panguil Bay here in Central Mindanao. Thru my ICLARM subscription, I come to read about IAMSILIC which you have authored, and there my interest followed in writing you.

Thru this letter, I look forward to your favourable consideration. Thank you

Respectfully,

TUTTUH T. ENSANO  
Faculty Member  
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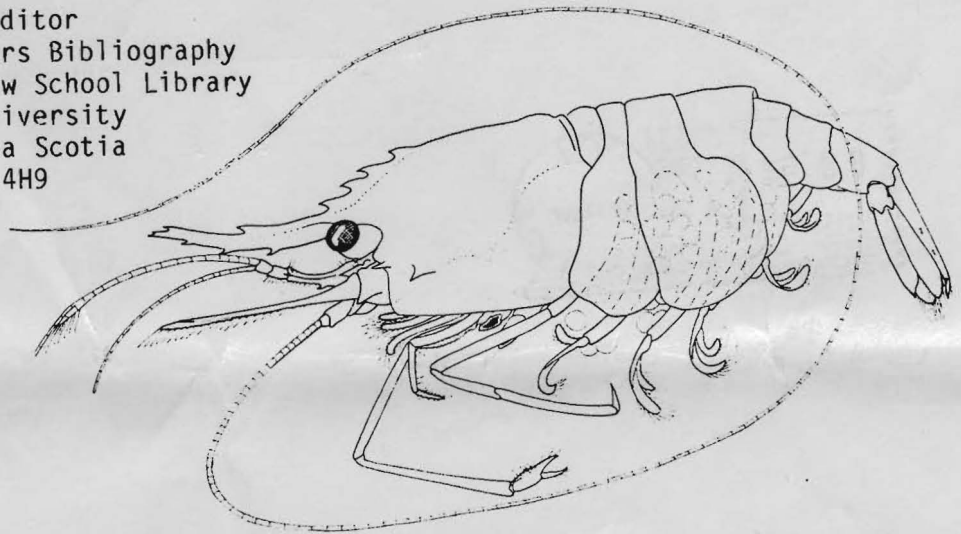
Good News for Fans of the Marine Affairs Bibliography!

After all the doom and gloom surrounding the fate of Marine Affairs Bibliography, things now look on the brighter side.

Funding to support the continuation of the Bibliography has been pledged by the Law Library of Dalhousie University. So - to all those faithful subscribers out there - Marine Affairs Bibliography will continue to arrive!

If anyone has not yet discovered this quarterly index to the literature on marine law and policy, marine transportation and communication, write for details to:

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ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS    SECTION 4 should read as follows:

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Expenses of Officers and Newsletter Editor. Officers of the Association and the Newsletter editor shall not receive compensation for their day-to-day services to the Association. The Executive Board may, however, set an amount annually to support officers and/or the newsletter editor's attendance at the annual business meeting of the Association, the amount to be not more than 30 percent of revenue derived from membership dues during that fiscal year. The treasurer shall disburse these monies in accordance with guidelines approved by the membership. Monies set aside for this purpose but not used in a given fiscal year shall revert to the general treasury at the end of that fiscal year.





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